

HA-1428

1889

Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company
34-36 N. Main
Bel Air
private

This five bay store front with Queen Anne upper windows and a handsome bracketed cornice is the result of a rationalization of the facade in the 1940's. The original structure had a three bay store-front to the north and a two bay residence setback from the street to the south. The cornice and brackets are original. The three bays to the north served as the engine house. After Louis Hollander bought the property in 1941, he had the present facade built for his home and auto supply store.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company

AND/OR COMMON

Hollander's Home & Auto Supplies

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

34-36 N. Main Street

1st

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___ STRUCTURE

___ SITE

___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___ IN PROCESS

___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

___ OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

___ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

___ YES: UNRESTRICTED

___ NO

PRESENT USE

___ AGRICULTURE

☒ COMMERCIAL

___ EDUCATIONAL

___ ENTERTAINMENT

___ GOVERNMENT

___ INDUSTRIAL

___ MILITARY

___ MUSEUM

___ PARK

___ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ RELIGIOUS

___ SCIENTIFIC

___ TRANSPORTATION

___ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Joan E. Ward, et al c/o Fred Ward Associates

Telephone #: 838-7900

STREET & NUMBER

Century Building

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE
Maryland

Liber #: 1077

Folio #: 614

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This five bay storefront is at 34-36 North Main Street in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. It received its present form in 1942 (see #8 for the former configuration). The east (front) elevation is covered in asphalt shingles in the second story. It has a thin cornice supported by decorative brackets and five windows in plain surrounds. The tops of the double-hung sash windows are composed of one large pane surrounded by long thin panes with square panes in the corners. The bottom half is two long panes. The first story front has an art glass panel over plate glass windows slanted in toward the entrance. In the southernmost bay of the first story is the entrance to the second story rooms: a two pane transom over a door with two long glass panes and a paneled bottom.

The north elevation shows how the building has grown. Two easterly bays are shiplap and original. The other hundred feet is cinderblock, two bays single story and two more bays two story (from east to west). A six panel garage door occupies the most westerly bay.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1889

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Lingan Brothers

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This Victorian storefront was built in 1889 for Octavian and Aquilla Whitaker on land they leased from Hortense Jeffrey (1887, 58/341). Lingan Brothers built it for \$2,143. From that time until 1941 it was in two sections, a two story store 19' x 16', and a dwelling 18' x 32' with a backbuilding 14' x 16'. Old pictures show the house as having its front wall level with the house next door (The Graham-Crocker House, 30 N. Main). It was a three bay structure with a shed-roofed porch carried on chamfered posts with carved brackets. A series of decorative brackets supported the cornice topping the second story. The store (to the north) was around five feet closer to the street. It was also a three bay structure with decorative brackets supporting a second story cornice. In 1904 a steam laundry was in the store. Edwin F. Hanna of Delta may have had a clothing store there in 1891.

In 1924 the property was sold to the Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company (186/344) which moved there from Courtland Street. In this incarnation the shop became the engine house. A 1924 photo in the Bel Air Centennial Book shows the shop front gone but the bracketed first story cornice still there. The Fire Company sold the property to Louis Hollander in 1941 (269/491). The Fire Company moved to Bond Street and Hollander opened his home and auto supply store after alterations which gave us the present five bay structure. The old windows and cornices and brackets were used to give a unified facade. Hollanders stayed there until the shop was moved to Campus Hills Shopping Center in 1977. The building is now the property of Joan, Jennifer and Robert Ward (1079/614) and is vacant.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harford Democrat
 Bel Air Centennial Book
 Sanborn Map 1904, 1930

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #773 in the Town of Bel Air, 38' x 159.30'.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marilynn Larew, Architectural Historian

16 August 1979

ORGANIZATION

Town of Bel Air

DATE

838-8700

STREET & NUMBER

39 Hickory Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
21 STATE CIRCLE
SHAW HOUSE
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1428

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:
Vacant

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:
Whitaker Bldg.

PRESENT USE: Vacant

ORIGINAL USE: Store & House

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
Lingan Brothers

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:
Excellent () Good (X)
Fair () Poor: ()

THEME: Architecture

STYLE: Vernacular

DATE BUILT:
1889

COUNTY: Harford

TOWN: Bel Air

LOCATION:

34-36 N. Main

COMMON NAME:
Hollander's

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: commercial

OWNER: Joan Ward et al, c/o Fred Ward Assoc
ADDRESS: Century Bldg.
Bel Air, Maryland

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

Yes () No () Restricted (X)

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Local (X) State () National ()

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone () Brick () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
2. Wall Structure
 - A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam () Balloon () north side
 - B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick () Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block (X) north side
 - C. Iron () D. Steel () E. Other:
3. Wall Covering: Clapboard () Board and Batten () Wood Shingle () Shiplap (X)
Novelty () Stucco () Sheet Metal () Aluminum () Asphalt Shingle (X)
Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer () front
Bonding Pattern: Other:
4. Roof Structure
 - A. Truss: Wood () Iron () Steel () Concrete ()
 - B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle () Sheet Metal ()
Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

Appendages: Porches () Towers () Cupolas () Dormers () Chimneys () Sheds () Ells (X)
Wings () Other: decorative brackets under cornice

Roof Style: Gable () Hip () Shed () Flat (X) Mansard () Gambrel () Jerkinhead ()
Saw Tooth () With Monitor () With Bellcast () With Parapet () With False Front ()
Other:

Number of Stories: 2

Number of Bays: 5

Approximate Dimensions: 21 x 100

Entrance Location: N. Main

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat () Zoning () Roads ()
Development (X) Deterioration ()
Alteration () Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive () Negative ()
Mixed () Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

decorative brackets under cornice
 windows QA over 2
 1940's facade 1st story
 1st bay south door to 2nd floor 2 pane transom over 2 long
 pane over panel door; plate glass windows slanted towards
 recessed entrance
 N side 2 bays shiplap 2 story: rest cinderblock 2 bays 1story
 2 bays 2 story stock door in west bay

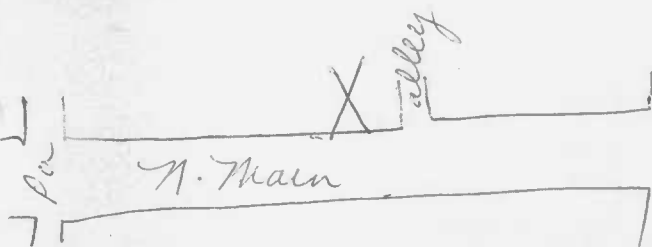
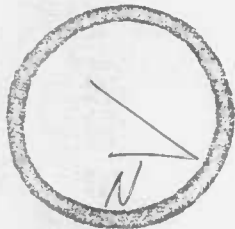
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Shop & House 1889-1942
 Fire House 1924-42
 Hollander's 1942-c'77

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane() Woodland() Scattered Buildings()
 Moderately Built Up() Densely Built Up()
 Residential() Commercial()
 Agricultural() Industrial()
 Roadside Strip Development()
 Other:

Marilynn Larew

RECORDED BY:

Town of Bel Air

ORGANIZATION:

13 August 1979

DATE RECORDED:

TITLE: Hollanders

1077/614 18 October 1978
Drovers & Mechanics National Bank of York, PA
Trustee in the will of Louis D. Hollander
 to
Joan E. Ward 1/2 interest
Jennifer L. Ward 1/4 interest
Robert C. Ward 1/4 interest
\$80,000

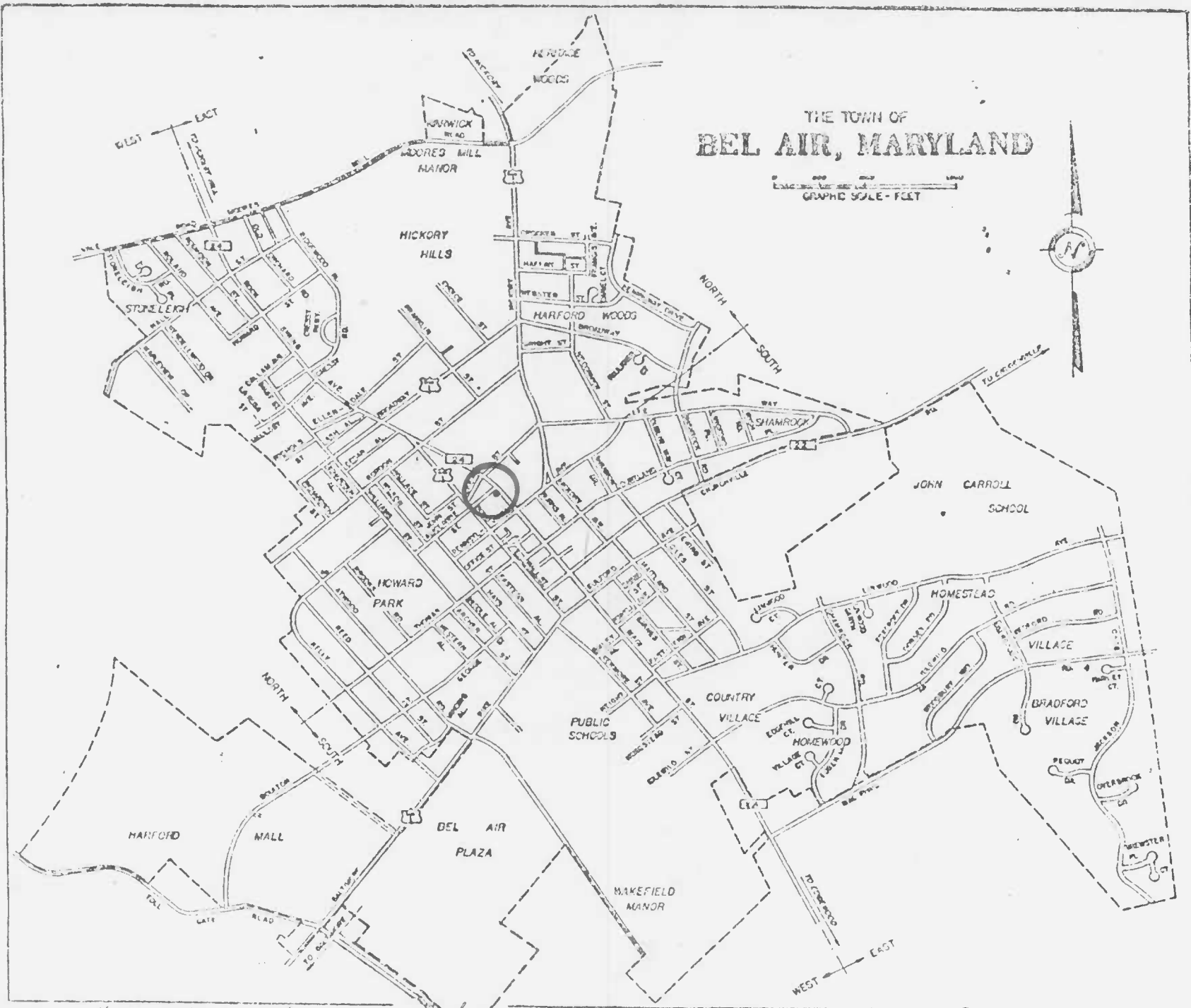
558/32 29 August 1960
Hollander's Home and Auto Supplies, Inc.,
York, PA
 to
Drovers & Mechanics National Bank of York,
Trustee, will of Louis D. Hollander
2 parcels, parcel #1 is the building

301/237 22 November 1946
Louis Hollander and Sadie, wife
 to
Hollander's Home & Auto Supplies, Inc.

269/491 30 December 1941
Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company
 to
Louis Hollander

186/344 12 March 1924
Noble L. Mitchell, ex of Aquilla Whitaker
 to
Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company

58/341 23 April 1887
Hortense R. Jeffery
 to
Octavian M. Whitaker & Aquilla B. Whitaker
99 yr. lease. They redeemed it.
The north half of lot #1 on the original
plat of Bel Air.



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Hallander's Home & Auto Supplies
34-36 N. Main



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/Sollander's Home + Auto Supplies
32-34 N. Main, Bel Air

e + w elev

M. Larew, 1479



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Hallander's Homer Auto Supply

32-34 N. Main, Bel Air

N + W elev

M. Lawler, 1979



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Old M. E. Church

Graham-Crocker House

Whitaker Bldgs

looking N.

N. Main St., Bel Air

1888-1910?

Photo: Courtesy Lovell Lane Museum, Balt.



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